and other places which specialised in facilitating it. 'I am by nature an artist, not a politician,[5] he said to Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin;[10] and, on another occasion: 1 am the first of a race of supermen who will come to rule the earth/ thus fulfilling what many prophets, from George Sand to Bernard Shaw, had foretold—how a genius or superman Would arise and teach future generations how to live. Creative evolution had created him; in a Godless world, he was God.

Being such, how could he be resisted ? The co-educated might rage against him, but he was the self-expression they had been promised; democrats might complain, but he was Democracy's Apogee; pacifists hurl abuse, but who had praised peace more rapturously than he? Opposition collapsed, faltering when it recognised itself in him. Can sparks oppose a flame, or breath oppose a whirlwind? His enemies[5] weapons were pointed against their own breasts; and if they fired them, they must destroy themselves. Jericho's walls fell flat when Joshua's trumpets blew, not because the trumpets were strong, but because the walls were weak, tottering already, and in the trumpets' blast heard their own decomposition. In the early days of National Socialism, Hitler was known as the Drummer; when he beat bis drum, walls fell, first within Germany and then, without.

The course of his triumphant career was followed with wonder and fear. From, being laughable, he became dangerous; from being dangerous, incredible. The ideas he propounded were

dismissed as unsound and mutually contradictory, their falsity easily demonstrated; yet they appeared to be irresistible. *Hitler, the Pawn* brought solace, but this pawn continued to dominate the board, until it began to be wondered whether such a pawn Jftight not be preferable to pieces with ostensibly greater possibilities. His racial theory—how absurd it was! Scientists and

[10] See *Documents Concerning German-Polish Relations and the Outbreak of Hostilities Between Great Britain and Germany on September* 3, 1939. H.M/s Stationery Office.